

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date of Decision:	6 July 2012
Decision Title:	Grant request from the New Forest Agricultural Show Society, Brockenhurst
Decision Reference:	4080
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider a grant request received from the New Forest Agricultural Show Society, Brockenhurst.

2. Contextual Information

2.1 The Society is seeking funding for an educational project to increase public awareness of the British countryside, delivered at the New Forest and Hampshire County Show. The Show is run by 330 volunteers who work with the Show Office throughout the year to put on this event. It is important that the show continues to follow its remit of encouraging the promotion and education of countryside pursuits including agriculture, horticulture and equestrianism. All ages will be involved through a number of different areas across the showground- a discovery zone with interactive displays for children, a sheep show- humorous educational live show, milking demonstrations, the show farm- where children can interact with children, a countryside area- fly fishing and ferret racing. The success of the project will be measured by number of participants, survey and feedback.

2.2 The education project over the three days is to cost £14,700, with £5,000 being contributed from their own funds, leaving a shortfall of £9,700. The New Forest Agricultural event is an annual agricultural show and on average attracts 95,000 people over the three days.

3. Comments of the Local Member

3.1 The local Member is Councillor Thornber and his comments are "The show attracts visitors' from across the County"

4. Comments from Economy, Transport and Environment

- 4.1 The following comments have been received from the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment: “The displays will help improve visitors’ understanding of farming and countryside pursuits through a series of interactive displays. A grant of £9,700 is recommended, however it is slightly disappointing to see that they do not appear to have explored other grant making trusts and bodies that support similar objectives”

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 This organisation is a registered charity and is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972

Recommendation:

That a grant for £9,700 be awarded to the New Forest Agricultural Show Society, for 2012/13 towards the County Show. This sum to be met from the Policy and Resources Grants budget.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D – Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

Application form received from organisations

Chief Executive's Department

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1 The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. The County Council has an obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. The proposals in this report aim to improve the wellbeing of Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.